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1. The Freidorf Sugar Factory, which before nationalization was the property of the Frighian brothers, was built in 1932 near the Bega Canal and is linked by a railroad siding with Timisoara. It processes the whole sugar beet harvest of the Southern Banat area.
2. During the season from September to February, the factory employs approximately 3,000 workers, 50 percent of whom are women. In a working day of 24 hours, three shifts process between 600 and 800 tons of beets, yielding between 12 and 16 percent refined sugar. Part of the production is sent in sealed freight cars to the USSR. Sugar for the civilian population often comes from the Roman Sugar Factory.
3. The price for 10,000 kg. of sugar beet is 25,000 lei (before 1952 stabilization), 30 percent of which is paid when the beet is planted and the remainder paid on delivery. In addition, for every ten tons of sugar beets the peasants received 20 kg. of sugar, five tons of chopped beets and a certain quantity of molasses for animal feed. In 1951 a fattening station for oxen was set up near the factory and the peasants no longer received chopped beets.
4. The cultivation of sugar beets is one of the most profitable branches of agriculture. It has been kept up in the villages bordering Yugoslavia, including Deta, Denta, Stamora Jimbolia, although the new farmers who have been settled there in place of the Germans are not familiar with this kind of work.
5. The general manager of the Freidorf Sugar Factory is an engineer named Pilpel, a well-known sugar expert from Chernovtsy (Cernauti), who has held several similar positions previously.

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